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## FORESTRY SERVICE NEWS

The telephone crew is building fire beaks along the James River, below Snowden.

Mr. Cooks is putting in a new type of underpass for cattle on the Alto Road.

The Timber Survey crews have just about completed work on the James River, and Mr. Wiers is running the base line in Compartment Two and work will be continued at this point next. Compartment Two takes in the area around Bouff Mountain in the vicinity of Beverley Town.

Fire training will be given the new men Monday and Tuesday of next week. This will necessitate the reorganizing of the present fire crews.

Mr. Speights and Mr. Allen spent Monday repairing the switchboard at Bald Mountain Tower.

Repairs for the Reo trucks have arrived and are being installed. The Reos will soon be on the road once more.

## EDGAR C. SPEIGHTS

Mr. Speights, one of our new foremen, was born in the Capital City of the South, Richmond, Va., and resided there the greater part of his life. He attended the public schools of that city and did work afterwards in technical schools.

Mr. Speights understands the various technical requirements of tel-

ephone line construction, he having been employed for thirty years by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone in construction work.

He is now engaged with Mr. Allen on the telephone lines and fire breaks.

Mr. Speights has been assigned to Camp 18 for the next three months.

## WHAT THE NEW MEN THINK OF THE CAMP

Most of the men think that camp life is swell and are thinking of signing over when their terms have expired. They all say that the food is the best, and they think they must have one of the best cooks in any of the camps,--a fellow by the name of Scotty Miller,--and I think they are right. And they think, besides, that they could not find a better Commanding Officer than Lieut. James W. H. Lusby, or better leaders, in any other CCC Camp in Virginia. They also think a great deal of Lieut. Burruss and Senior Leader Alexander Petorak.

Most of them are going to classes, and they think this is about the best opportunity they could have in Camp. They think Mr. Edwards is a very good Educational Adviser and teacher. ----Marvin Roberts

The Episcopal Minister of the Gospel in Buena Vista, Mr. Berkeley, has extended a very gracious invitation and made a very urgent request that all of the Episcopal Faith, and others, attend services--Sunday Morning at 10:00 and Sunday Evening at 7:30. Our appreciation--to the good people of Buena Vista for their thoughts about our needs.



## QUIZZEL QUIZ BY FRANK WEBER

1. What boy wears out his shoes the fastest?
  - (a) Zacccone and Scungio. (Boy look at them truck.)
  - (b) Scotty Miller. (His girl did not write for three months.)
  - (c) George Miller. (He is running a high ball.)
  - (d) Bush. (He's always walking the Blue Ridge.)
2. Why does Durn use the mixture of Epsom Salts and stale Beer?
  - (a) It's a remedy for his sore feet.
  - (b) To make him act nervous.
  - (c) It's good for colds. (If that doesn't cure it, nothing will.)
  - (d) To obtain the effect of frost on window panes.
3. What is it that Mikan collects?
  - (a) Cold cream jars (for sewing machines.)
  - (b) Ginger Roger's finger nail clips.
  - (c) Slim night gowns. (Some shapes.)
  - (d) One brick from every main street in the United States.
4. Why did Cline shave ??
  - (a) A fine chap was the Major. "So kind"--- said he. (Cline remove that thing." And off it went) It was-- so very pretty.
  - (b) It felt sooo funny there, didn't it "Cue Ball"?
  - (c) He had to use his razor for something. (So that could be the story.)
  - (d) It looked so old fashioned. (besides, his girl wanted a curl.)
5. What are the best cigarettes money can buy?
  - (a) Camels; says McLaughlin. (They don't put a hump in your pay.)
  - (b) Chesterfields, says Mr. Wiers (They're good for working -- out in the field)
  - (c) Lucky Strikes, says Coates (You don't have to be Lucky to buy them.)
  - (d) Marvels, say the boys here. (They don't interfere.)

## EDUCATION

## WHAT IS AN EDUCATION?

Discussions among some of the men in the Education Building recently have been concerned with the attempt to state definitely what an education is. The trouble with most of these definitions is that they tend to be inclusive euphemisms.

Nearly all people think of education as Knowledge. But this definition is certainly incomplete, if not altogether wrong. Knowledge is, in almost all cases, a necessity a-

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MACKEY CELEBRATES DECORATION DAY WITH LIP STICK AND FINGER NAIL POLISH. ASK HIM HE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.





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## OLD RIP DID IT FOR TWENTY YEARS

How long does it take you to go to sleep? What do you think about when you go to bed? Do you fall into an easy slumber and snore peacefully thru the night? or are you one of those "Ovaltine" victims that belong to the three T's Club, toss, twist, and turn?

Now, It's a funny thing, this going to sleep business. And just how long it takes you to drop off finally to slumber land depends on how you train yourself.

Take Fred Hindman, for instance. He doesn't want to go to sleep right off, he says. Claims he does his best thinking from 9:30 to 10:30. During this time he plans his work for the next day, solves diverent little problems that have puzzled him, and figures out all those complex angles that explain why Lieut. Lusby is so dependent upon him.

Of course, we arn't all Fred-Hindmans and haven't got his headaches, so the thing that concerns us is getting to sleep.

Now let's take it from the time lights go out at 9:30 and you "crawl" in. The very first thing you do after you've piled on your three extra blankets and tucked yourself in is-----A great big

sigh! You expel all the air from your lungs and stretch yourself. If you don't believe me, check yourself when you go to bed tonight.

Now, that sigh is a darn good start, because it helps to relax your muscles, and you must have complete relaxation before you can get restful sleep.

But your next move is your first mistake; and that is when you start to think. It's different kind of thinking from Fred's, because Fred has a purpose and you don't.

Before you know it you are knocking the devil out of the guy who got wise with you that morning. You can think of half a dozen better answers you could have given Mr. Lightner when he was giving you a bawling out. And, then, there's that back tooth. "Darn it, why didn't I get it filled last pay day?" Hm-m, I wonder why Mary didn't answer my last letter?"

And before you know it you're saying to yourself, "Damit, I have got to get to sleep!"

Now you say, "How can I avoid all this? How can I get to sleep quicker?"

Well, here are three different methods, and counting sheep is not one of them:

No. 1. Lie flat on your back and relax all over. Close your eyes and picture in your mind a blackboard. Every time a thought appears on the board you say "Erase". If you keep this up for a few weeks, you'll teach yourself not to think when you go to bed. Result? You're sawing logs.

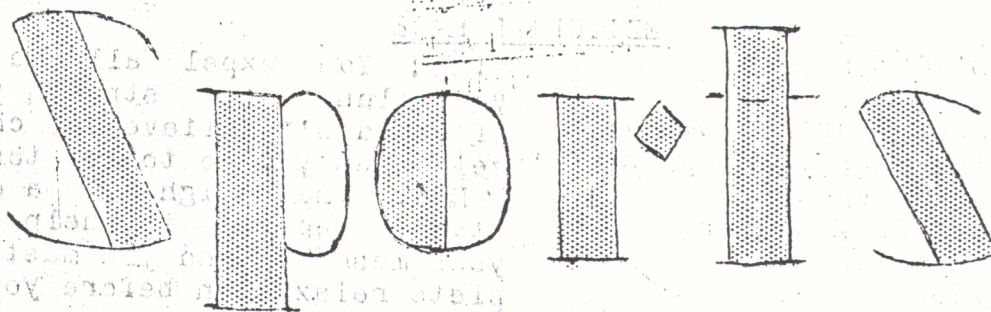
No. 2. Did you ever ride in an elevator? Well, if you remember your first ride, you'll remember the sensation of having the floor suddenly drop out from under you. Now, as you lie in bed, try to remember that feeling. It's not hard. You'll think you are floating thru space.

No. 3. This one suggested by the P.X. Steward.

Listen to your breathing. The continual even rhythm will lull you to sleep.

But Pop Glass says the old-fash-  
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JOHN JEROME YASHKAS

John Yashkas, known to all the fellows as "Lefty" was born in Ashley, Pa., in the year 1918. He came as sort of a Christmas present to his parents, because he was born on December 23.

Lefty was always in demand as a player on the teams in his home town, and so he played base-ball most of his spare time.

He came to Oronoco way back in the old days and played for the boys until he returned home. Later he returned to CCC life and was sent to Danville. Much to his surprise he transferred back to good old 2360.

He again played at his old spot, first base. He is probably one of the finest first sackers in camp base-ball. He handles his bag like a true champion, and has received many fine comments on his good work.

At one time this year he was introduced to the chance to enter pro base-ball. He may get his chance next season.

The base-ball team met Tuesday evening to decide what kind of jackets they were to purchase. They decided on a green and gold jacket. A gold letter "O" will adorn the front with a base-ball stitched with "Champs 39" on the letter. Gold base-balls may be purchased later. A committee consisting of Neach, Scott Miller, and Anderson was selected to purchase the jackets.

## GRIDIRON QUIZ

(Answers to last week's quiz.)

1. North Western, Duke, Ohio State, Holy Cross, S. Methodist, and S. Carolina.
2. Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio State, Purdue, Minnesota, Chicago, North Western, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana.
3. A point has been scored.
4. S. Carolina, Minnesota, Fordham, Carnegie Tech., Washington, and St. Mary's.
6. He was a negro.

1. What schools are known as the following: Rams, Generals, Sooners, Violets, Wolverines, and Corn Huskers?
2. Who was the professional champion last year?
3. What are the four officials in a foot-ball game called?
4. Who was known as the galloping ghost?
5. Where do the following men coach: Harlow, Neyland, McMillan, Sthuldrer, and Shaw?

## SPORT SPARKS

Scores of some of Saturday's games

Notre Dame	7	Carnegie Tech	6
Michigan	27	Yale	7
Cornell	23	Ohio State	14
Tennessee	17	Mercer	0
Fordham	27	Pittsburgh	13
N. Carolina	30	Penn.	6
Tulane	18	Mississippi	6
N.Y.U.	7	Georgia	6
Villanova	7	Arkansas	0
Columbia	27	V.M.I.	7





The game that surprised the experts this week was Cornell's win over the Buckeyes of Ohio State. After giving the Buckeyes a fourteen point lead the Big Red came from behind to upset the dope.

A fumble led to Notre Dame's victory over Carnegie Tech. A forty-eight yard dash by Merlyn Condit led to Tech's score.

Again Tom Harmon led the way as Michigan's Wolverines trampled the Yale Bulldog. Harmon scored three touchdowns and kicked three extra points to steal the show.

The list of major undefeated, untied teams was again cut. The top teams are now Cornell, Michigan, Tennessee, Texas A. and M., and Notre Dame.

Washington and Lee topped Virginia Tech 6 to 0 in the dedication of the new Lynchburg Municipal Stadium.

The reason for the big smile on Mr. Hicks face is that Cornell is his alma mater. In a gab session in the Compilation Office, the participants picked the winners of

some of Saturday's games. Mr. Hicks was the only one to pick his alma mammy. Is our faces red?

Have you noticed how nifty the basket-ball court looks? A new outdoor ball has been purchased, so let's show what kind of basket-ball players we are.

There seems to be a epidemic of grabbing fumbles in mid air and dashing for a score. Several major games have been won in this way. Kerr of Notre Dame scored against Carnegie Tech this way.

#### SOME STAY

Gilpin: Buchinski will be in the hospital a long time.

Gorty: Why, have you seen his doctor?

Gilpin: No, but I have seen his nurse.

#### PUT IN HIS PLACE

Drake: (Boarding a street car.)

"Well, Noah, is the ark full?"

Conductor: "Nope, we need one more jackass. Come on in."



## AIN'T IT HOT BY STEPHEN PASTOREK

It's interesting to observe what a boy will do at the age when he is called a young man. Some change from knicker trousers to longies. Others find steady girl friends. But MARTIN WASILK, the nurse's dream, goes just one better. Every nite he treats the "peach fuzz" under his nose with olive oil!!! I shave it every other day, so that it grows thicker, but that don't seem to do any good," says Martin.

-----SAM ZACCONE goes to town at least five times a week to see his girl friends. When I asked him the reason for his raising a mustache, he replied, "The Eucena Vista women prefer to kiss boys with hair above their lips." And if I don't miss my guess, Wasilk may have overheard my conversation with the ex-storeroom manager.

-----FRANK ZAKULEC, a project assistant in Camp Oronoco for the past fifteen months was borne down upon recently. The star twirler of the Oronoco Base-Ball Team, champions 1937, 1938, and 1939, was given a broom one chilly morning of this week and asked to sweep the barracks.-----SAMBO, the "almost handsome" rookie from No. 3 Barracks, dressed in a complete O.D. Uniform the night of the false alarm. He didn't even forget his tie. Maybe carrying water buckets was too much like work, so he figured for a job as fire supervisor???-----The same evening CHAMIOK suddenly began yelling, "Fire, fire, everybody out." BARON was yelling, "It's at the Quartermaster's." And about a dozen men promptly rushed to the Officers' Quarters.-----"BALDY MALTBY'S romance ended just as fast as it started. Can't blame him,--though. He's just a kid.

## NOTICE!!!

It seems we have several fellows here in Camp that get pleasure out of "sticking" some people with bills. Some of our so-called "fine fellows" gave one of the loc-

al women some laundry with the promise that they would pay on the last of the month. The lady was kind enough to give them their laundry and trust them until pay day. That occurred several months ago and the lady is still waiting for her money. She needs the money pretty badly, so you fellows ought to give her what she has justly earned.

## WHO REMEMBERS

1. When the pitcher of lemon ade fell on Lt. Cox?
2. When the step ladder and paint fell on Lt. Shea?
3. When the can of paint fell on Mr. Bonham?
4. When the Education Office was where the Reading Room is at the present time?
5. When the girls came out from Buena Vista and gave the boys a treat to a floor show?
6. When Melvin Korty went over the hill?
7. When the boys from Fork Union Camp were transferred to this Company--October 14, 1936.
8. When the foremen didn't have to pay rent?
9. When Colonel Cron visited the Camp two times in succession and turned on the showers to find there was no water. Yes, he was under the shower, and it wasn't the first of April.
10. When Gabby and Halleck played in a game of base-ball and thought there were three balls to hit every time they came to bat? It happened on Aug. 31, 37.
11. When streaky and Curley left Camp?
12. When Dr. Hyman and the Overhead planted all the trees?
13. When the Surveying Office was brought to Camp?
14. When Fortner couldn't spell Virginia?
15. Joe Perrota and his trumpet?
16. When the Officer's Mess wasn't separate from the dining room?
17. When Slim put salt in the cocoa?
18. Hilly with his prates and prat-  
ters?
19. When Love Staton was Barber?



## MURRAY-GO-ROUND

1. What was the paper that Benjamin Franklin established?  
Poor Richard's Almanac.
2. Who were the first people to use soap?  
The Germans.
3. Who invented the Hot Air Bath and what was it called?  
The Spartans, and they named it Laconium after Laconia, the province of Sparta.
4. Where is the Sea Gull Monument erected.  
Salt Lake City, Utah.
5. What is history?  
History is the story of the way men have lived And the better ways they have learned to live.
6. How does an elephant sleep? A fox? A wolf? Ducks?  
Elephant, standing up.  
The fox curls up with its nose close to the soles of its feet.  
Wolf, same as a fox.  
Duck, in open water and paddles with one foot to keep in one place.

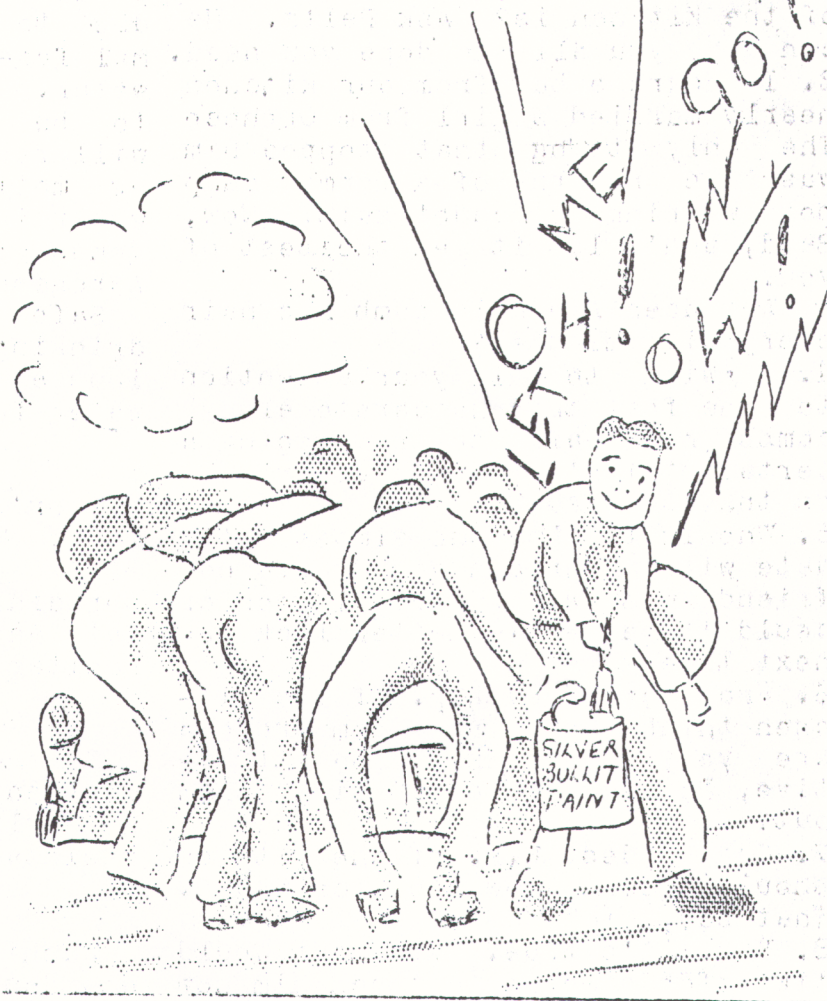
Who was the girl Scotty Miller went with for nine months and then turned around and married a better looking guy? (Tch, tch, Scotty, I am sure soupORIZED..)

Who is the boy that let a girl put a bow in his hair. (Now don't blush, Anderson, but, golly, you should watch those things.)

## SWAPPEROOS BY SWAP COATES

Meade Magill will swap a buttonless O.D. Jacket in fine condition

WHO REMEMBERS WHEN "HANDSOME" GOT HIS "TONSILS" PAINTED?



for one with buttons. Some bargain!

Handsome Sam, will swap some shampoo lotion to Steve Iastorek for some of his customers. Must be competition.

Lt. Burruss will swap several? used fuses for one good one.

Tom Sarver will swap George John guitar lessons for piano lessons.

Daniel Cohick will swap some I.C. S. literature for a water cooled-pipe. The last one was a mite strong, eh Dan?

Miss Massie will swap some of her fine knowledge for a few more students.

Bernard Susavage will swap several old copies of THE BACKWOODSMAN for a first class news reporter.



## KITCHEN CRUMS

1. I wonder who the heart breaker of the kitchen is? Ask Peltz. He can give you all the dope you need.
2. I heard a boy from our kitchen nearly married a girl from Oronoco. The only thing that stopped him was the return of a former camp boy wearing a cadet suit. Now, Bard, don't let it get the best of you.
3. Why does Aderhold comb his hair every five minutes?
4. I wish to call your attention to the fact that Naccarato always combs his hair before passing a certain girl's house while riding on the chow truck.
5. Who is the boy who almost got a date with a certain girl while her friend was with her? I wonder could it be Neff? Better luck the next time.
6. What new young k.p. of the kitchen thinks the girls from Oronoco are very good looking and attractive, Boy, can "Sleepy" pick them out?
7. The oldest K.P. of the kitchen should learn how to dice spuds. What say, Nick?
8. Yes, it's true. Van Sant would like for someone to teach him how to fry eggs. Come around some time.

## TECHNICATED SCIENCE

## WHAT RELATION HAS SANITATION TO WATER

Supply? Pathogenic bacteria are bacteria which are harmful to humanity as a whole.

A certain group of bacteria have the ability to be motile in liquids due to hair like appendages called flagella. Thus bacteria related to water are of this group.

The main pathogenes which are present in water are cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

As far as bacteriologists are concerned they do not test for the presence of pathogenes. A common organism, Escheria Coli found in the colon intestine of humans and

animals. Thus the presence of Escheria Coli in water is positive evidence of contamination. This is due to the fact that human or animal feces is transmitted to the water. Thus drinking water known to be contaminated by pathogenes will result in an epidemic. As far as motility of bacteria present in water is concerned, only the pathogenes plus Escheria Coli Bacterium Aerogenese are present.

Safe advice: Know what you are drinking and at all times be precarious as to the place of obtaining water for drinking purposes.

-----Prof. Daniel Cohick

Editor's Note: There you are fellows. What do you think about that slant on drinking water. You can certainly depend on Daniel to elucidate any subject of camp social and sanitary interest.

In the world of medicine, an experimenter finds that with a diet of garlic he builds up a wonderful resistance to flu and salesmen.

Washington solemnly announces the abandonment of its post office at Truth, Arkansas. Perhaps in some better, fairer day, it will rise again.

A beleaguered Briton at Tientsin, says his clothes were removed and he was struck from behind. This is new--the no-overcoat with a belt in the back.

Maybe the U in U-boat stands for underestimated.

When the snow whispers against the windowpane, and the winter winds wail mournfully about the chimney, and outside is a torrent of icy darkness, it is good to sit before a roaring fire of logs and muse and meditate. That is the life that is certainly enviable.



(Continued from page 3, column 2.) true education makes one more careful method is best of all! Work full with, and more capable in, his like the devil all day, take a good generalizations. hot shower, roll in and fall asleep.

Hm-m, I wonder.

----Bernard Susavage  
Editor-in-Chief

(Continued from page 2, column 2.) accompaniment, the sine qua non, or, speaking more nearly exactly, the gahobin of education.

But we must go beyond knowledge to find an adequate definition of Education; we must find out what the ganookster part of education is, the basic, fundamental changes in abilities and attitudes that may have the effect of accounting for the most desired, and at the same time, the most worth while sort of success.

All will agree, we think, that capacity for adjustment, adapting oneself to the changing and unexpected obligations of life, is a very essential part of our definition. As an example we might mention the ability to cultivate self-respect, to gain confidence from the realization of former successful experiences while at the same time we preserve our balance by a praiseworthy expression of modesty and willingness to give others credit, to be friendly, to respect age, authority, and position. Carrying the ideal with us, patience, and experience are demanded in acquiring this desired balance; but no attitude and ability is so necessary in securing recognition, to start with, and advancement later. The occasions that require the capacity for intelligent adjustment are too numerous to mention.

Another part of education is the ability to generalize. Many people come to conclusions too quickly, or to no adequate conclusions at all. Their generalizations are faulty. They make sweeping, all inclusive, and sometimes positive and hurtful statements, laying down for themselves and others rules of action, or behavior, which are based on too few, or faulty, examples. A

But something must be added, without which our definition would be incomplete, --Attitudes; and even then we cannot say that our definition will satisfy all conditions. Certainly, if we are to think of one as educated, he must have the abilities and attitudes, especially in democracy, that may account for effective cooperation, he must have the attitude of fair play, of openmindedness; and there are a thousand other desirable attitudes we might mention. In this connection it may be said that we have little hope for the development of an ability without the right sort of attitude to start with.

We should like to know how anyone is to get both the gahobin and the ganookster of an education without taking advantage of opportunities that are at hand, without learning to like people and to do things with them.

----Charles A. Edwards  
Educational Adviser

The situation is still open for those who wish to enter the work in Occupations and Guidance. Really the members of the group and the instructor get a "kick" out of these group meetings, because of the participation of the members of the group the value of the contributions made, the new view points reached in discussion, and the natural liking of one to defend his own ideas, where there is a spirit of fair play and open-mindedness. Classes properly conducted do offer periods of real mental stimulation and enjoyment.

The same observation may be made about the work in geometry. We have a very lively and interested group. It is very pleasing to find that, besides many of the men, most of the members of the Technical Force have come into this group.

It is believed that the texts in geometry will be here within a few days.



— Announcement —

The Backwoodsmen publishes this "scoop" with deep regret; the permanent departure of Dr. Hyman from the C.C.'s. He will undoubtedly be missed by the boys for he has proven himself not only to be a fine surgeon but also a great fellow. We have come to look upon Mac's days as a symbol of perpetual perennials. Dr. Hyman has accepted a position with the Public Health Service in Galveston Texas.

His plans? Well here they are in a nutshell. — I leave for New York City Monday; terminate present engagement to Miss Lilham Kipper — by marriage of course; take care of all unfinished business; come back to Cronaca pick up Bunie — & head out West.

Dr. Hyman, we wish you the best of everything in the world. May you find Texas as fine a place as we hope you found it here.  
So Long Doc!!!!